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New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art Carefully Guarded.

that the famous paintings in the galleries of the Metropolitan museum of art were connected by burgiar alarms with the Park police station, so that "when a little bell tinkles there a po- an attache of the weather bureau."liceman appreaches the inspector Washington Star. with the remark: 'Please, sir, there's some one after the Rembrandt, or 'A man's a-tryin' to collar the Van Dyck," and the thief is caught."

Mr. George W. Story, curator of the Metropolitan's art sections, smiled broadly when the extract above quoted was shown him, says the New York

Naturally, the greatest care is taken to keep inviolate all the treasures of the museum, the paintings included. But this is not done in any such fashion as the London journalist im-

During the open hours scores of employes patrol the galleries or maintain careful oversight, so that on the first indication of an attempt at tampering with any of the exhibits a signal would result in an instantaneous closing of every means of exit. At night the building is in charge of as many trusty watchmen, continually upon the

But these are only ordinary precautions taken by every institution of the kind as a mere matter of course, and anything less than which would be culpable neglect.

In common with the most important buildings and private residences, the museum is additionally protected by burglar alarms in every part, and these are conected directly with the police station.

Said Mr. Story: 'It would be poor policy, of course, to describe the arrangement of our preventive measures of that kind. It would be, in effect, to advise the very persons against whom we have to protect the treasures committed to our care."

TWO CAT STORIES.

Pusa Seems to Bave an Intelligence Rarely Imputed to Her.

A well-known lady in this city, says the Daily Kennebec Journal, a short time ago, was the possessor of a beautiful coon eat. The cat suffered with the flea pest, and her owner was obliged to chloroform her. Now what is singular about the case is this:

A couple of days before the cat was killed the lady was talking to it and saying it must die, and that she would go do. . and get some chloroform. Who can say how much pussy understood of the threatened execution, or was it the tone of voice that caused it to take alarm and flee for its life? Be this as it may, the cat had for some time been lying around apparently helpless and remained lying in the position it had so long occupied until its mistress returned with the drug. As she passed through the room where the cat was, she made some more remarks as to the coming exeeution. She soon returned, and what was her surprise to see this helpless cat arise and deliberately walk toward the door, and when it was opened to go out and leave the premises. Neither did it return to its home until some one discovered it and brought it back the next day. Another lady relates a singular case

that came under her notice. The cat had kittens and was in a room where there was but one window, and that very high up with a smooth wall under it. Kitty was contented there with her kittens until one day the people who were in the room talked about killing the kittens the next day. What was their surprise the next day, to find the cat had taken alarm and in some unaccountable way escaped with all her little family, and what is more had hidden the kittens so adroitly that it was with difficulty the folks found them.

Pineapples.

The discovery of the pineapple, as a fruit, was coincident with the exploration of South America by the Spaniards. As early as the sevencommon in England until the beginning of the eighteenth century. It is now grown by all the leading nations, either in glass houses or in the open. In many instances it serves as an ornamental plant.

Outdoor cultivation of pineapples. in the United States dates back to 1860. According to Taylor, efforts were made as early as 1850 to grow them in Florida, but for some reason they failed. It is now known that

BREVITIES OF FUN.

"Our buby seems to have a natural tests for the piano." "Indeed?" A London paper stated recently "Yes; he's grawed half the polish off one leg."-Motherhood.

"Who is that man who keeps saying it is always the unexpected that appens?" "I'm not sure. Probably

She-"It's too important a question for me to decide now." He-"Then will you give me your answer in a week?" She-"Good gracious! I couldn't wait that long!"-Town.

She (watching the steerage passengers)-"See those two German girls? What lovely hair they have. Now, that's what I call real golden hair." He-"Nonsense. Can't you see it's plaited?"-Philadelphia Press,

Mrs. Mann-"Oh, yes, I suppose I'm a disagreeable thing. No doubt you are sorry you ever saw me?" Mr. Mann-"I won't go so far as that. I only wish when I did see you I had taken a better look at you."-Boston

Editor-"The colonel is out there with a horsewhip, waiting for you." Typesetter-"What for?" Editor-"Why, instead of 'the colonel is a battle-scarred veteran,' you made it 'a battle scared veteran."-Philadelphia Record.

Conrad-"That article of yours in the Comet is awfully long. Nobody will ever read it through." Benedict -"It wasn't written to be read." Conrad-"What was it written for, then?" Benedict-"For ten dollars a eolumn."-Boston Transcript.

No Heroics .- She (eagerly)-"And what did papa say when you asked him for me?" He-"Consented at once." She-"Glorious!" He-"Oh, I don't know: he might at least have given me an opportunity to tell him that I'd marry you even though we had to clope."-Ohio State Journal.

BABY WOULD PAY.

The Practical Joker Did a Graceful Act of Charity.

Charles Smith, of New York, is a practical joker in a quiet way. One hot day last August he was coming downtown in a Third avenue elevated train. At Houston street, a pale, thin woman, carrying a little, emaciated baby, seated herself beside him. The skeleton-like fingers of the child attracted Mr. Smith's attention.

"Going to Coney Island?" said he to the mother.

"Oh, no; to Battery park," was the "Madam, allow me to suggest that

you take your baby to Coney Island by water and stay on the boat for two or three trips. The sea air will do it

"But I cannot do it. I have only enough money to take me back home. As the train rolled into the Chat- Jefferson City, Boonville and Lexingham Square station, Mr. Smith arose to leave the train. Leaning over the woman, he shook hands with the baby,

"I hope you will change your mind and take the baby to Coney Island." "Oh, I should like to, sir, but I

have no money to pay the fare." "That's all right," said the insurance magnate; "the baby will defray the expenses," and darted out of the

The woman looked down at the child and saw, tightly clasped in the attenuated fist, a new five-dollar note.-N. Y. Times.

HELD UP BY A BEAR.

Young Man Kept Bruin at Bay by Screaming and Pounding.

The story is being told in Malone, according to the New York Sun, that a young man of the name of Truesdell was cornered a few nights ago by a bear. Truesdell is about 17 years of age, and was walking the tracks of the Adirondack division of the New York Central near Malone. Just above Owl's Head he was confronted by a big bear. The young man was unarmed, except for a double-edged ax which he carried over his shoulder. He was so frightened, it is said, that all he could do was to scream and pound the rail with his ax. When he all he could do was to scream and teenth century it was cultivated in pound the rail with his ax. When he Holland and in England, but its use | would stop pounding and screaming was confined to royalty. Its cultiva- the bear would advance, and when tion in glass houses did not become he began again Bruin would stop and contemplate the strange actions of the frightened youngster. At last Truesdell's screams were heard, and when the bear saw the lights carried by the resecuing party approach it ran away to the woods.

Not a Great Expense.

The congressional appropriation for the salaries of lighthouse keepers is \$700,000 a year and the number of men employed in this branch of the more than freedom from frost is re- federal service, which is under the quired to grow pineapples success- control of the treasury department, is 1,500.





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